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Recovery Project News

Sundale Union School District, East of Tulare, Receives \$1.5m Bond: Sundale Union School District outside Tulare was one of 43 school districts in California to be selected for a Qualified School Construction Bond from the Federal Stimulus. Sundale has several projects that it may use the money for, including a new learning center in the Villas. Other ideas include putting the learning center on campus, building an agriculture science lab or extending the school's cafeteria. (*"Sundale Union School District, East of Tulare, Receives \$1.5m Bond," Visalia Times-Delta, 9/1/09*)

State Water Board Clears \$200 Million Mark in Stimulus Awards: The State Water Board has signed a contract for \$10 million in federal stimulus money with the Los Angeles area Gateway Cities to protect public health and the environment and create jobs for Californians. The money is allocated to California for clean water projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This brings the total contracted stimulus money by the State Water Resources Control Board to more than \$200 million. This project will also generate at least 100 construction jobs in this economically disadvantaged region. (*"State Water Board Clears \$200 Million Mark in Stimulus Awards," Yuba Net, 9/1/09*)

Green Job Training Program in LA: Under the "Clean Energy Workforce Training Program," up to 20,000 California residents will learn how to install solar panels, retrofit buildings to become more energy-efficient, design sustainable landscapes and build low-emission vehicles, among other skills. The \$75 million efforts is funded through federal stimulus money, state and local coffers, and public-private partnerships. The Clean Energy Workforce Training Program will support existing training programs in schools and other institutions, and focuses on unemployed workers – particularly from the construction sector – and also workers needing new skills and youth preparing to enter the job market. (*"Green Job Training Program in LA," KTTV Los Angeles, 8/31/09*)

Ross School Nets \$2.85 Million in Stimulus Windfall: School officials learned Friday they would receive a \$2.85 million school construction bond tax credit as part of the federal stimulus bill - a credit Superintendent Tammy Murphy believes will save Ross taxpayers \$5.4 million in interest. The federal stimulus bill includes a provision that allows tax credits on \$22 billion of qualified school construction bonds nationwide. The tax credits are expected to equal the amount of interest

school districts pay on debt, which typically equals half the cost of the bond. More than 230 school districts and county offices of education - with a total of more than \$3.7 billion in requests - applied for the \$700 million in tax credits available to California public school districts. Because so many applied for the limited funds, the state Department of Education held a lottery Friday, choosing 43 school districts and county offices to receive the funds. The single-school Ross Elementary District, which is overhauling Ross School at a total cost of \$39 million, was the only district in Marin County to apply for the program. (*"Ross School Nets \$2.85 Million in Stimulus Windfall," Marin Independent Journal, 8/31/09*)

eTec to Snag \$8M From Cali for Mega Electric Car Charging Project: Grabbing \$100 million in a highly competitive stimulus program isn't a bad start for one of the largest electric car charging infrastructure projects to date. That grant went out earlier this month to ECOTALITY subsidiary eTec, which has partnered up with Nissan, utility San Diego Gas & Electric, and other companies to install 12,750 charging systems in five states using the new funds. The estimated \$8 million Energy Commission funding comes as part of a state cost-sharing program set up for electric vehicle technology projects in California supported by federal stimulus funds. (*"eTec to Snag \$8M From Cali for Mega Electric Car Charging Project," Earth2Tech, 8/31/09*)

Federal Dollars Will Help City Be Energy Efficient: Federal stimulus money is going to help Pomona street lighting become more energy efficient. The city secured \$1.4 million in stimulus money distributed by the Department of Energy. The money will be used to replace 1,040 high-pressure sodium street lights with more efficient LED lights. Through the use of LED lights, the city will have improved lighting in addition to reducing energy consumption and the city's carbon footprint. (*"Federal Dollars Will Help City Be Energy Efficient," Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, 8/28/09*)

Stimulus Funds Approved at Community Colleges: An additional \$870,000 in federal stimulus money was accepted by the San Diego Community College District's governing board this week, bringing to nearly \$2.5 million the total it has received through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grants. In July, the district received \$400,000 to expand the solar certificate program at City College, \$400,000 to establish the mental health worker certificate program at Mesa College, \$400,000 to expand the applied biotechnology training program at Miramar College and \$400,000 to expand the certified nursing assistant career ladder training program at San Diego Continuing Education. (*"Stimulus Funds Approved at Community Colleges," San Diego Union Tribune, 8/28/09*)

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Visits Stimulus-Funded Flood Control Project: An \$18 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant gave new life to the final portion of unfinished last leg of a major flood control project in San Jose. The Lower Silver Creek Flood Protection Project has completed three out of six phases of engineering, channels and habitat landscaping designed to prevent flooding on 3,800 nearby properties in San Jose's eastern areas. This phase of the flood protection project will employ 700 people. (*"U.S. Agriculture Secretary Visits Stimulus-Funded Flood Control Project," KRON 4, 8/28/09*)

Stimulus Money to Put 600 Youth to Work: PathPoint, a Santa Barbara-based nonprofit that offers employment, residential and support services to more than 2,300 people a year, received an \$805,000 grant through the ARRA. In all, PathPoint and its six partnering agencies, including Moorpark College and the Boys & Girls Club of Camarillo, plan to train and have jobs for 260 disadvantaged youths ages 14 to 24 in Ventura County. A nonprofit youth club in Oxnard that received a similar grant will serve youths in Oxnard and Port Hueneme. Both programs are expected to help 660 disadvantaged youths in Ventura County get jobs. To qualify, the youth must be low-income and either deficient in basic skills or a juvenile offender. The youths work for more than 75 companies around Ventura County in a variety of positions, including maintenance, clerical, child care, retail, hotel and warehouse. (*"Stimulus Money to Put 600 Youth to Work," The Camarillo Acorn, 8/28/09*)

Monterey County Will Feel Federal Stimulus' Impact Soon: So far, more than \$90 million in federal stimulus money is scheduled to come into Monterey County to finance projects and public services including roads, construction, schools and law enforcement. "People are saying, 'When are we going to see all this stuff?'" U.S. Rep. Sam Farr, D-Carmel, said, "I don't know whether it's recovery, but you're probably going to see more by December than you've ever seen; more money for jobs. And the beginning of next year will be the best part of that." Millions will go to improving roadways in the county, construction projects, airport runway rehabilitation, police departments, and an array of county school projects. (*"Monterey County Will Feel Federal Stimulus' Impact Soon," The Californian, 8/28/09*)

UC Davis Stimulus Research Funds Total \$32.6M: Faculty members at the University of California Davis have received nearly \$32.6 million in stimulus funds for research so far, and more grants are expected. Almost \$32.6 million has been handed over to UC Davis through 88 different research grants. Federal regulations prevent the university from using research grants to make up for budget deficits. But these stimulus grants from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will save jobs. Adjunct professors are supported through grant funds, as are research administrators, technicians and staff research associates. The grants will also create jobs by enabling UC Davis to hire graduate students and postdoctoral scholars to participate in the research. Researchers will buy equipment and supplies with their grants, benefiting business beyond the campus. Grants that support renovation or construction also will generate jobs. (*"UC Davis Stimulus Research Funds Total \$32.6M," Sacramento Business Journal, 8/27/09*)

